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Celebrating 75 Years of Lion Pride!

Fifty-Ninth Commencement

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KGCS and the student broadcast group, the National Broadcasting Society, will produce DVD copies of today's ceremony. Order forms are available on the program tables located at the entrances.

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Fifty-Ninth Commencement

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance"	Elgar
	Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble
Invocation	Dr. Delores Honey
	Assistant Vice President for Assessment and Institutional Research, Missouri Southern State University
Welcome and Introductions.....	Dr. Bruce W. Speck
	President, Missouri Southern State University
Commencement Speaker Introduction	Mr. Jared M. Bruggeman
	Director of Athletics, Missouri Southern State University
Commencement Speaker.....	Mr. Rod Smith
Presentation of Class	Dr. Pat Lipira
	Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University
Conferring of Graduate Degrees	Dr. Bruce W. Speck
Master's Hooding.....	Dr. Greg Haddock
	Acting Dean of the Melvin D. and Valorie G. Booth College of Business and Professional Studies, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School
	Dr. John Groesbeck
	Dean and Kuhn Chair, Robert W. Plaster School of Business, Missouri Southern State University
	Dr. Al Cade
	Interim Dean, School of Education
	Dr. Andrew W. Fulkerson
	Coordinator Cooperative Graduate Education in Criminal Justice, Southeast Missouri State University
	Dr. Thad Wilson
	Senior Associate Dean, University of Missouri-Kansas City, School of Nursing
	Dr. Susan J. Kimble
	Clinical Associate Professor, MSN and DNP Program Director, University of Missouri-Kansas City, School of Nursing
	Dr. Tia Strait
	Dean, School of Health Sciences, Public Safety and Technology, Missouri Southern State University
<u>Presentation of Baccalaureate and Associate Degrees</u>	
Conferring of Bachelor and Associate Degrees	Dr. Bruce W. Speck
Presentation of Diplomas	
Introduction of Degree Candidates	Mr. Jeff Skibbe
	General Manager, 88.7KXMS/Fine Arts Radio International, Missouri Southern State University
Congratulatory Remarks	Dr. Linda Hand
	President, Faculty Senate, Missouri Southern State University
Announcement of Academic Honors	Dr. Pat Lipira
Turning of the Tassel.....	Mr. Mark Lloyd, '99
	President, Missouri Southern Alumni Association Board of Directors
MSSU Alma Mater (See page 16)	Ms. Mallory Hoskins
	Senior, Bachelor of Science in Education-Secondary Education - Vocal Music K-12, Joplin
	Ms. Chelsea LaNore
	Senior, Bachelor of Science in Education-Secondary Education -Vocal Music K-12, Purdy
Benediction	Dr. Delores Honey
Recessional "Sine Nomine"	R.V. Williams & E. Rosenberg
	Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble
Sign Language Interpreter	Mrs. Mary Zustiak

Please remain standing until recessional is completed. • Please turn off all beepers/cell phones

About Our Speaker

Mr. Rod Smith, our commencement speaker, graduated from Missouri Southern with many awards. An All-American in football as well as an All-American in the classroom, he earned degrees in Business Administration, Economics and Finance, and Marketing and Management. His accomplishments in the classroom led him to become the recipient of the Missouri Southern State University Outstanding Graduate Award in 1994.

A native of Texarkana, Ark., Smith enjoyed a stellar playing career at Southern, where he set MIAA records in career-receiving yards (3,122) and touchdowns (35). He also still holds school records for catches in a game (13), receiving yards in a game (254), receiving yards in a season (1,439), highest average gain per reception in a season (24.0), touchdown receptions in a season (15) and longest pass reception (98 yards). He finished his career with 158 receptions for 3,122 yards and 35 touchdowns, which is now third all-time in Division II.

Smith was an All-American in 1991, and helped the Lions to their last MIAA title and NCAA post-season appearance when the team went 9-1-1 in 1993. That season, he was named first-team All-American by the Associated Press, Kodak, Football Gazette and NCAA Division II sports information directors. Also in 1993, Smith caught 63 passes for 986 yards and 13 touchdowns, and was a finalist for the Harlon Hill Award, given annually to the top football player in Division II.

Smith entered the NFL with the Denver Broncos as a college free agent on May 3, 1994. He holds Broncos' franchise records for career receptions (849), receiving yards (11,389), touchdown catches (68) and overall touchdowns (71). He leads all undrafted players in NFL history in every major career receiving category.

Smith ranks 11th in the NFL in career receptions, 17th in career receiving yards, and tied for 30th in career receiving touchdowns. In 2005, he became one of 25 players in NFL history to reach 10,000 career yards, a feat he accomplished on Monday Night Football vs. Kansas City (9/26/05). Smith is the first player from the MIAA to score a touchdown in the Super Bowl, and the first to play for two Super Bowl champions (Super Bowl XXXII and XXXIII).

He posted eight career 1,000 yard seasons, including six straight from 1997-2002. He is also one of just six players to have back-to-back seasons with 100 receptions. He was named to the Pro Bowl in 2000, 2001, and 2004. He retired from the NFL in 2008.

Smith was inducted into the Missouri Southern Athletics Hall of Fame in 2003 and is the only football player in Southern history to have his number (9) retired. He has also been inducted into the Division II Football Hall of Fame, as well as the Arkansas, Missouri, and Colorado Sports Halls of Fame.

In September of this year, Smith became the 23rd member of the Denver Broncos Ring of Fame. He was joined at Sports Authority Field by members of his family, many teammates from the 1997 and 1998 seasons and several other Ring of Fame members.

"It's all about every person who has supported me throughout my life," he has said.

Rod is an Independent Distributor for Organo Gold, reaching the rank of Diamond. He has three children, Vanessa, Roderick and Devin.



Rod Smith

Cooperative Graduate Programs

Missouri Southern State University/Northwest Missouri State University

Master of Business Administration

Cullers, Christina Louise
Business Administration
Anderson

Tilton, Sarah Angeline
Business Administration
Carthage

Woodmansee, Teddy J.
Business Administration
Webb City

Missouri Southern State University/Southeast Missouri State University

Master of Science in Criminal Justice

Carriger, Christopher Morris
Criminal Justice
Purcell

Farner, Scott Hilliard
Criminal Justice
Marion, IL

O'Haver, Tami Jo ‡
Criminal Justice
Kirksville

Schooler, Jamie Lorene
Criminal Justice
Neosho

Comer, Roilynn
Criminal Justice
Jasper

Green, Carrie Ann
Criminal Justice
Battlefield

Prater, Jared Tucker
Criminal Justice
Webb City

Simpson, Cierra Vonnrie ‡
Criminal Justice
Cape Girardeau

Missouri Southern State University/University of Missouri-Kansas City

Master of Science in Nursing

Bodine, Elizabeth Ann ‡
Nursing
Springfield

Johnson, Rosanne Marie ‡
Nursing
Aurora

Lucas, Carrie Lawson
Nursing
Republic

Voorhis, Stephanie Kirsten ‡
Nursing
Springfield

Carnagey, Susan Louise
Nursing
Neosho

Joplin, Tisha Kathleen ‡
Nursing
Springfield

Molina-Carranza, Gwendolyn D.
Nursing
Springfield

Yearta-Brown, Leslie Ellen ‡
Nursing
Ozark

Christy, Jennifer Lee
Nursing
Republic

Laurin, Nicole Viola Gayle ‡
Nursing
Springfield

Sapp, Megan Nicole ‡
Nursing
Springfield

Darnell, Pamela Leigh ‡
Nursing
Joplin

Lim, Cherrie Lynn
Nursing
Springfield

Seiner, Danielle Marie ‡
Nursing
Fair Grove

Giebler, Cassidy Nichole ‡
Nursing
Springfield

Loftis, Mary Anne
Nursing
Mt. Vernon

Smith, Jennifer Marie ‡
Nursing
Joplin

Missouri Southern State University/University of Missouri-Kansas City

Master of Science in Dental Hygiene

Corum, Kathrine Anne ‡
Dental Hygiene
Joplin

Candidates for Honors & Degrees

Baccalaureate Degrees

Summa Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Blumenthal, Karen Denise ‡
Buckland, Audrey J.‡ †
Carpenter, Amelia K.

Crosswhite, Shannon Alicia
Epperson, Kristen Michelle †
Kennedy, Jackie M.

Leonard, Emily Drew
Moore, Jeffrey A.‡ †
Russell, Randi Joy

Magna Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Achey, Brandi L.
Amayo, Morgan Yvonne
Colvard, Meghan Marie
Gayman, Christianne Colleen

Knox, Ashley Joanna
Leiser, Ronald L.
Martin, Tashel †
Oechsle, Ashley Nicole

Rimmer, Tabitha R.
Welch, Carly Ann
Westwood, Kristine

Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Back, Matthew Alan
Boyd, Jared Trent
Burgess, Tyler James
Donaldson, Diana Sue

Forsythe, Frank Allen
Gerber, Harrison D.
Gilmartin, Valerie Ann
Hall, James Earl Martin

Havens, Paula Michelle
Mitchell, John Ross
Ramoly, Catherine A.
Ray, Katherine A.

Ray, Leah Jean
Stanley, Paula J.
Yorozu, Megumi

Associate Degrees

Third Honors • Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Burgess, Tyler James
Forsythe, Frank Allen
Havens, Paula Michelle
Ramoly, Catherine A.

School of Arts & Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Barbosa, Whitney Kay International Studies Carthage	Crosswhite, Shannon Alicia English-Literary Studies Neosho	Havely, David Matthew German, Music Joplin	Mills, Nathan Communication-Mass Joplin
Carlos Garcia, Andres Norman Spanish Joplin	Ellefsen, Sandra Kay History Carthage	Hernandez, Christian A. Spanish Webb City	Pirtle, Aaron Charles International Studies Webb City
Carpenter, Amelia K. English-Professional/Technical Writing Carterville	Gipson, Larrita Renee Communication-Public Relations Chicago, IL	Janssen, Nathan Ray Communication-Mass Webb City	Smith, Jessica Lynne English Nixa
Clemons, Vicente E. English-Literary Studies, History Joplin	Gwin-Martinez, Syleris Aleska Spanish Webb City	Jensen, Kelsey A. International Studies Kansas City	Sparlin, Kendra Denise Music Joplin
Cohenour, Lauren Del English-Professional/Technical Writing Aurora, CO	Harger, Nicole A. English-General Writing Joplin	Kirkland, Belinda Sociology Webb City	Waack, Denise A. English-Literary Studies Joplin
Cooper, Robert Neil History Eagle Rock	Harrison, Benjamin Dayc' English-General Writing Lamar	Langford, Addison Stephen Communication-Mass Joplin	Yorozu, Megumi Communication-Public Relations Owariasahi, Fichi, Japan

Bachelor of Science

Adams, Ryan Lee Sociology Fayetteville, AR	Balkhi, Shakila Lynn Environmental Health Simi Valley, CA	Chenoweth, Morgan Nicole Biology Seneca	Cox, Jamie Nicole Sociology Jasper
Amayo, Morgan Yvonne Biology Joplin	Baugh, Shelby N. Biology Carthage	Coale, Justin S. Communication-Mass Ash Grove	Culbertson, Alisha B. Communication-Mass Joplin
Arambula, Sheryl Elizabeth Biology Joplin	Box, Kristen D. Biology Webb City	Colvard, Meghan Marie Biology Joplin	Culbertson, Kathryn Brooke Biology Grove, OK
Back, Matthew Alan Biology Webb City	Buckland, Audrey J. ‡ Biochemistry Webb City	Cook, Breanna M'ille Biology Granby	Curry, Paige Nicole Biology Joplin

Davis, Kayla R. Biology Lebanon	Jordan, Nathan Charles Computational Math Joplin	Murphy, Kristen Anne Communication-Public Relations Webb City	Sprinkle, Robert W. Environmental Health Miami, OK
Day, Robert E. Biochemistry Joplin	Kane, Alicia Jordan Chemistry Joplin	Nelson, Brett Mathematics Eldon	Spruce, Teresa M. Environmental Health Carthage
Donaldson, Diana Sue Sociology Pierce City	Keeler, George Robert Biology Joplin	Nixon, Devon M. Political Science Lebanon	Stanley, Nathan S. Communication-Mass Joplin
Glades, Kwinna Marie Communication-Public Relations Joplin	Kline, Kaisha Kalee Biology Goodman	Oechsle, Fabian Alexander Biology Granby	Stephens, Summer B. Biology Seligman
Gwin-Martinez, Syleris Aleska Biology Webb City	LaCurtis, Michael A. Sociology Normandy	Pachlhofer, Amanda Nichole Communication-Public Relations Granby	Verstraete, John William Political Science Monett
Hale, Helen Jean Biology Goodman	Lamar, Alan M. Computational Math Joplin	Padilla, Adam Benjamin Communication-Mass Neosho	White, Calen Joshua Communication-Public Relations Joplin
Heath, Gabriela D. Communication-Public Relations Golden City	Linebarger, Ashley B. Communication-Public Relations Purdy	Patel, Karan Paresh Chemistry Joplin	Winfrey, Michelle Anne Marie Communication-Public Relations Joplin
Howard, Alana Noelle Biology Anderson	Markovich, Gabrielle Marie Communication-Public Relations Neosho	Reed, Jacob Thomas Biology Joplin	Woodruff, Michael Caleb Communication-Mass Webb City
Howard, Sonya Yvonne Sociology Wyandotte, OK	McCool, Jessica Lynn Biology Anderson	Remmers, Justin J. Biology Hastings, NE	
Hristova, Aneliya Biology Webb City	Morris, Brandon Lee Biology Oronogo	Skei, Elin M. Communication-Mass Springfield	
Janson, Kayla Noelle Mathematics Powell	Morrison, Meagan Renee Communication-Public Relations Rogers, AR	Smith, Aaryn Brock Biology Joplin	

Robert W. Plaster School of Business

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Achev, Brandi L. Accounting Carl Junction	Bryant, Alisha R. Certified Global Business Professional Carl Junction	Epperson, Kristen Michelle † Accounting, Management Reeds	Hall, David J. Management Butler
Aldridge, William Wales Management Joplin	Bujarski, Kevin G. Finance/Economics- Personal Financial Planning Joplin	Ferguson, Jessie Accounting Joplin	Harris, Rowdy T. Management Seneca
Allen, Carrie J. Accounting Webb City	Churchwell, Cejay N. Management Joplin	Fields, Corey Ralph Accounting Springfield	Head, Jr., Daniel R. Marketing Monett
Baker, Jessica Leigh Management Joplin	Cossou, Angela L. Management-Human Resource Goodman	Flood, Joshua Garrett Accounting Clever	Heyer, Susanna Edith Accounting Seneca
Barge, Christopher C. General Business Joplin	Crawford, Erin Beth Accounting Joplin	Freeman, Toni Diane Accounting Stark City	Hutson, Jeremy Dewayne General Business Miami, OK
Bernhardt, Daniel D. Marketing Diamond	Crosthwait, Danielle Elizabeth General Business Joplin	Gardner, Ashley Dawn Scruggs Management Jay, OK	Jennings, Leann M. Finance/Economics- Financial Concentration Joplin
Booth, Gayla DaLynn International Business, Marketing Anderson	Culver, Meghan L. Management-Human Resource Raymore	Gerber, Harrison D. Marketing, Management Lenox, IA	Jessip, Brandon Lyle International Business Neosho
Bosworth, Grant E. General Business Joplin	Drum, Regina L. General Business Joplin	Germiniani, Leandro Gomes Pereira International Business, Marketing Joplin	Kabala, Tammy Jo Management, Management- Human Resources Webb City
Boyd, Jared Trent Accounting Joplin	Durham, Jerod Kyle Marketing Joplin	Gilmartin, Valerie Ann Accounting Aurora	Kennedy, Jackie M. Management Joplin
Brown, Heath Michael Accounting Joplin	Ellis, Joel Andrew Management- Human Resource Pineville	Haag, Sam Curtis Accounting Carl Junction	

Laver, Tammy Lynn General Business Joplin	McBee, Abby Shantel Management, Marketing Webb City	Ray, Leah Jean Accounting Miami, OK	Simon, Logan Joseph Management Joplin
Lou, Zizheng Accounting Joplin	McDaniel, Brenda K. Management Carthage	Rea, Kimberly Ann Marketing Duenweg	Smith, Deborah A. Accounting Seneca
Madsen, Abbigail E. Accounting Neosho	Midence, Tara Jaimie Marketing Joplin	Richardson, Debbie Lynn Management Carl Junction	Stanley, Paula J. Accounting Webb City
Mareth, Ivan Robert Marketing Joplin	Moore, Jeffrey A. † Accounting Carl Junction	Rimmer, Tabitha R. Accounting Rolla	Stark, Craig Alden Accounting Carthage
Martin, Amanda Dawn Accounting Joplin	Murphy, Samantha Janet Accounting Joplin	Robertson, Addi Ryanne Marketing Webb City	Stueve, Megan E. Marketing Lee's Summit
Martin, Tashel † Finance/Economics- Financial Concentration Tortola, BVI	Olds, Cindy Gayle Accounting Joplin	Robinson, Kendra DeAnn Accounting Joplin	Vengels, Lisa A. Accounting, Mangement Neosho
Mayes, Melissa K. Management, Management- Human Resources Pierce City	Pelep, Stacy Sohl Accounting Palikir, FSM, Pohnpei	Secrist, Morgan E. Accounting Joplin	Wright, Daniel M. Management, Marketing Miami, OK
	Quiroga, Vanessa A. * Management, Finance/Economics- Chartered Financial Analyst Joplin	Shellenbarger, Kylie Ann International Business Joplin	You, Yang Accounting Joplin

School of Education

Bachelor of Arts

Vest, Megan R.
Psychology
Joplin

Bachelor of Science

Boyd, Kayla Beth
Psychology
Webb City

Haubein, Chelsea B.
Psychology
Lamar

Ousley, Grant S.
Psychology
Joplin

Steinbach, Stacie Renee
Psychology
Joplin

Cupp, Tammy L.
Psychology
Carl Junction

Laurance, Jessica R.
Psychology
Carl Junction

Pero, Carla D.
Psychology
Neosho

Yang, Tia
Psychology
Neosho

McDannald, Lacey C.
Psychology
Walker

Putt, Daniel J.
Health Promotion and Wellness
Webb City

Adcock, Sara Tobi Marie
Secondary Education-
English
Joplin

Bevis, Samantha J.
Elementary Education
Neosho

Byrns, Karen R.
Elementary Education
Libby, MT

Fischer, Sarah J.
Secondary Education-English
Bentonville, AR

Balls, Michelle A.
Elementary Education
Neosho

Botts, Ashton C.
Middle School Education-Math
Mt. Vernon

Cavness, Joe B.
Secondary Education-Physical
Education
Cassville

Foster, Elizabeth Marie
Elementary Education
Neosho

Barksdale, Brenna K.
Secondary Education-
Social Studies, Political Science
Carthage

Bowers, Melanie Renee
Secondary Education-
Physical Education
Anderson

Clopton, Justina Joann
Middle School Education-
Math, Social Studies
Carterville

Green, Nicole Cassidy
Elementary Education
Carthage

Beach, Shelby Nicole
Elementary Education
Brighton

Boyd, Geriann Marie
Elementary Education
Lamar

Ficken, Anthony James
Secondary Education-
Social Science, Sociology
Joplin

Hauck, Sarah M.
Elementary Education
Bradleyville

Benkert, Allyson Elizabeth
Elementary Education
St. Clair

Brinks, Kate Marie
Elementary Education
Crane

Ficken, Samantha D.
Elementary Education
Joplin

Hoffman, Amber Renea
Middle School Education-
Mathematics
Joplin

Bennett, Jed Guy
Secondary Education- Art
Jasper

Brooks, Corey Dean
Middle School Education-
Social Studies
Joplin

Hoskins, Mallory Elizabeth
Secondary Education-Vocal
Joplin

Howard, Morgan Renee
Elementary Education
Carl Junction

Johnson, Audrey Leigh
Elementary Education
Webb City

Johnson, Heather Lynne
Secondary Education-English
Joplin

Landburg, Jennifer Nicole
Elementary Education
Carthage

LaNore, Chelsea Marie
Secondary Education-Vocal
Purdy

Leiser, Ronald L.
Middle School Education-Math
Joplin

Meeks, Ashley Kaleen
Middle School Education-
Social Studies
Joplin

Miller, Katlyn Alyse
Secondary Education-
Physical Education
Blue Springs

Mitchell, John Ross
Elementary Education
Aurora

Moore, Jada Renae
Elementary Education
Neosho

Nicodemus, Kathryn Ann
Elementary Education
Joplin

Roberts, Elizabeth Renee
Elementary Education
Carthage

Russell, Randi Joy
Elementary Education
Duenweg

Senseney, Heather Dawn
Secondary Education-English
Exeter

Shockey, Zachary Thomas Randy
Secondary Education-
Social Science, History
Neosho

Simon, Logan Joseph
Secondary Education-Business
Joplin

Tatterfield, Heather Christina
Elementary Education
Joplin

Toscano, Jordan Elizabeth
Elementary Education
Webb City

Trevarrow, Barbra Jean
Elementary Education
Joplin

Waldo, Melissa JoAnn
Elementary Education
Joplin

Welch, Carly Ann
Elementary Education
Joplin

Weldy, Jr., Ronald Loyd
Middle School Education-
Mathematics
Mt. Vernon

Westwood, Kristine
Secondary Education-Art
Webb City

Wisner, Kalee Ann
Elementary Education
Osceola

Woodward, Jacob R.
Secondary Education-
Physical Education
Seneca

Woodward, Jason Daniel
Secondary Education-
Social Science, History
Neosho

Bachelor of General Studies

Adams, Keith J.

General Studies
Joplin

Anderson, Roger Lee

General Studies
Joplin

Barrios, Rito A.

General Studies
Carthage

Bean, Jessica Lynn

General Studies
Houston, TX

Blevins, Jennifer Dianne

General Studies
Anderson

Blumenthal, Karen Denise ‡

General Studies
Saginaw

Burgess, Kelly Elaine

General Studies
Joplin

Carter, Caitlin D.

General Studies
Diamond

Carter, Jonathan

General Studies
Dallas, TX

Conrad, Grant Michael

General Studies
Lafayette, LA

Conroy, Shaun James

General Studies
Joplin

Creed, Melissa Ann

General Studies
Pierce City

Garrison, Amanda C.

General Studies
Joplin

Gayman, Christianne Colleen

General Studies
Schell City

Gilbreth, Christian Douglas

General Studies
Joplin

Grover, Cassy Renee

General Studies
Webb City

Guinn, Laura Ruth

General Studies
Joplin

Haag, Hannah M.

General Studies
Lamar

Jones, Jerimiah Edward

General Studies
Nevada

Kline, Lester

General Studies
Joplin

Knox, Ashley Joanna

General Studies
Joplin

Looney, Rosemarie Ann

General Studies
Joplin

Manning, Janean K.

General Studies
Miami, OK

Martin, Rachel Noel

General Studies
Webb City

Matkin, Bradley Lewis

General Studies
Fort Scott, KS

Morris, Austin Reed

General Studies
Joplin

Neff, John Arthur

General Studies
Festus

Oechsle, Ashley Nicole

General Studies
Granby

Pennington, Andrew Franklin

General Studies
Carthage

Phillips, Chelsea Elizabeth

General Studies
Carterville

Pope, Cory Kendall *

General Studies
Aiken, SC

Powers, Crystal V.

General Studies
Joplin

Seaman, Gwendolyn Sue

General Studies
Webb City

Testman, April Marie

General Studies
Kansas City

Wildschuetz, Gary S.

General Studies
Springfield

School of Health Sciences, Public Safety, and Technology

Bachelor of Science

Achev, Brandi L.

 Health Science
Carl Junction

Anderson, Zac

 Criminal Justice Administration
Webb City

Aubert, Jared J.

 Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Barron, Jesus Ballard

 Criminal Justice Administration
Fayetteville, AR

Bevis, Chris

 Criminal Justice Administration
Neosho

Blair, Jimmy Don

 Health Science
Springdale, AR

Brown, James Jared

 Criminal Justice Administration
Neosho

Brundridge, Amber Nicole

 Health Science
Nevada

Burgess, Tyler James

 CIS-Information Systems
Joplin

Busch, Danielle Benita

 Health Science
Joplin

Bush, Melissa JoAnna

 Health Science
Joplin

Capps, Mark A.

 Industrial Engineering Technology
Carthage

Carmack, Julie Ann

 Criminal Justice Administration
Overland Park, KS

Caulk, Joey Allen

 Criminal Justice Administration
Neosho

Choate, Preston Taylor

 CIS-Information Technology
Webb City

Crain, Hannah M.

 Criminal Justice Administration
Morrisville

Daugherty, John Allen

 Industrial Engineering Technology
Grove, OK

Deao, Patrick Eugene

 Criminal Justice Administration
Omaha, NE

Eutsler, Chad Ellis

 Criminal Justice Administration
Bois D'Arc

Forste, Sarah Nicole

 Health Science
Oronogo

Forsythe, Frank Allen

 Criminal Justice Administration
Goodman

Frink, Robin Jane

 Criminal Justice Administration
Carthage

Greenlee, Ashley A.

 Health Science
Jasper

Griebling, Cody W.

 Criminal Justice Administration
Washington, WI

Grimes, Jr., Roger B.

 CIS-Information Technology
Oronogo

Hagee, Crystal D.

 CIS-Computer Forensics, Criminal
Justice Administration
Joplin

Hagen, Julie L.

 Criminal Justice Administration
Lamar

Hall, James Earl Martin

 CIS-Information Systems
Pineville

Hartman, Diane L.

 Health Science
Webb City

Havely, Steven M.

 CIS-Information Technology
Joplin

Havens, Paula Michelle

 Criminal Justice Administration
Browning

Henson, Valerie Ann

 Juvenile Justice
Joplin

Higgins, Brett Nichole

 Health Science
Arbyrd

Hill, Shery Arlene

 Criminal Justice Administration
Miller

Hurlbut, Nicole R.

 Criminal Justice Administration
Carthage

Hurley, Brooke A.

 Health Science
Clarksville, AR

Jackson, Mortez Steven

 Criminal Justice Administration
Berkeley

Jacobs, Jenny A.

 Health Science
Rolla

Jordan, Nathan Charles

 CIS-Computational Math
Joplin

Joy, Charlene A.

 Health Science
Dixon

Kopp, Jennifer Nicole

 Health Science
Springfield

Lamar, Alan M.

 CIS-Computational Math
Joplin

Lee, Earl James

 Criminal Justice Administration
Commerce, OK

Leonard, Emily Drew

 Health Science
El Dorado Springs

Mareth, Kylie M. Juvenile Justice Joplin	Poindexter, Jessica L. Health Science Diamond	Scribner, Kaci Michelle Criminal Justice Administration Joplin	Turner, Edward R. Criminal Justice Administration Joplin
McFarland, Jennifer Lynne Criminal Justice Administration Cassville	Powell, Krystle Dawn Health Science Sikeston	Shields, Robert W. Criminal Justice Administration Joplin	Valenti, Michael Andrew CIS-Information Technology Joplin
Merritt, Sherilyn J. Health Science Mt. Vernon	Putnam, Jason Scott Criminal Justice Administration Joplin	Shouse, Lee A. Criminal Justice Administration El Dorado Springs	Weaver, Brandon Allan CIS-Information Systems Joplin
Million, Emily Michelle Health Science Paris	Ramoly, Catherine A. Criminal Justice Administration Springdale, AR	Sjorlund, Malachi Jacob Criminal Justice Administration Webb City	Wilkins, Timothy Aaron CIS-Information Technology Carl Junction, MO
Morgan, Kody Kyle Criminal Justice Administration Joplin	Ray, Katherine A. Medical Technology Stark City	Smith, Mark A. Criminal Justice Administration Rogers, AR	Williams, Jessica Joann Criminal Justice Administration Skiatook, OK
Mullins, Russell Henry CIS-Information Technology Aurora	Robertson, Lindy Jane Health Science St. Joseph	Smith, Zachary T. Industrial Engineering Technology Joplin	Woodruff, Daniel Robert Industrial Engineering Technology Joplin
Nelson, Brett CIS-Computational Math Eldon	Rogers, Peter Ross Criminal Justice Administration Ash Grove	Soles, Sandra Lynn Health Science Joplin	Wright, Jessica Brianne Health Science Granby
Phelps, Theresa L. Health Science Joplin	Roth, Meghan Elisabeth Health Science Rogers, AR	Talkington, Brooke Nicole Health Science Poplar Bluff	
Plybon, Christopher P. Criminal Justice Administration Bentonville, AR	Runyon, Shaun N. CIS-Information Systems Joplin	Taylor, Tabitha A. Criminal Justice Administration Stockton	
Plybon, Felicia Criminal Justice Administration Bentonville, AR	Schupbach, Jessica Marie Criminal Justice Administration Bartlesville, OK	Turner, Ashli Marie Criminal Justice Administration Joplin	

Associate of Science

Anderson, Zac Law Enforcement Webb City	Barron, Jesus Ballard Law Enforcement Fayetteville, AR	Brown, James Jared Law Enforcement Neosho	Capps, Mark A. Computer Assisted Manufacturing Technology Carthage
Aubert, Jared J. Law Enforcement Joplin	Bevis, Chris Law Enforcement Neosho	Burgess, Tyler James CIS-Information Systems Joplin	Carmack, Julie Ann Law Enforcement Overland Park, KS

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Choate, Preston Taylor CIS-Information Systems Webb City	Hagen, Julie L. Law Enforcement Lamar	Norem, Shenoah Brooke Law Enforcement Sarcoxie	Smith, Zachary T. Computer Assisted Manufacturing Technology Joplin
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Danielson, Kyle Anthony DDET-Engineering Technology Carthage	Havens, Paula Michelle Law Enforcement Browning	Plybon, Felicia Law Enforcement Bentonville, AR	Turner, Ashli Marie Law Enforcement Joplin
Daugherty, John Allen Computer Assisted Manufacturing Technology Grove, OK	Hill, Shery Arlene Law Enforcement Miller	Putnam, Jason Scott Law Enforcement Joplin	Turner, Edward R. Law Enforcement Joplin
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Eutsler, Chad Ellis Law Enforcement Bois D'Arc	Jordan, Nathan Charles CIS-Information Systems Joplin	Rogers, Peter Ross Law Enforcement Ash Grove	Valenti, Michael Andrew CIS-Information Systems Joplin
Forsythe, Frank Allen Law Enforcement Goodman	Lamar, Alan M. CIS-Information Systems Joplin	Schupbach, Jessica Marie Law Enforcement Bartlesville, OK	Weaver, Brandon Allan CIS-Information Systems Joplin
Freeman, Ryan Michael Law Enforcement Pittsburg, KS	Malcolm, Jared Scott CIS-Information Systems Joplin	Scribner, Kaci Michelle Law Enforcement Joplin	Wilkins, Timothy Aaron CIS-Information Systems Carl Junction
Frink, Robin Jane Law Enforcement Carthage	Mareth, Kylie M. Law Enforcement Joplin	Shields, Robert W. Law Enforcement Joplin	Williams, Jessica Joann Law Enforcement Skiatook, OK
Griebling, Cody W. Law Enforcement Washington, WI	McFarland, Jennifer Lynne Law Enforcement Cassville	Shouse, Lee A. Law Enforcement El Dorado Springs	
Grimes, Jr., Roger B. CIS-Information Systems Oronogo	Morgan, Kody Kyle Law Enforcement Joplin	Sjorlund, Malachi Jacob Law Enforcement Webb City	

Points of Pride

Quality faculty and academic programs...

Some MSSU programs require licensure or certification tests in their major fields before diplomas are granted. MSSU students have consistently scored high on these tests, and results from these national tests demonstrate that our students are prepared to enter their chosen careers well prepared to perform at high levels. Some examples of outstanding program achievements are:

- **Radiologic Technology:**

American Registry of Radiologic Technologists
Certification Exam passing rate – 100%.

- **Respiratory Therapy:**

National Board for Respiratory Care – Certified
Respiratory Therapist passing rate – 100%.

- **Engineering Technology:**

National Occupation Competency Testing Institute
(NOCTI) - Pre-Engineering Tech passing rate – 100%.

- **Biology:**

Acceptance Rate to PhD and Master's Programs – 100%
Acceptance Rate to Chiropractic School and Optometry
School – 100%

- **Environmental Health:**

Missouri Environmental Health Specialist Exam passing
rate – 100%.

- **Dental Hygiene:**

National Board Dental Hygiene Examination passing
rate – 100%.

- **Nursing:**

National Council Licensure Exam-Registered Nurse
(NCLEX-RN) – 100% passage rate

- **Law Enforcement Academy**

Missouri POST Certification Exam – 100% passage rate

Outstanding athletic programs

159 MIAA Academic Honor Roll Members

14 MIAA Academic All-MIAA Members

13 MIAA Presidential Scholar Winners

62 All-MIAA Athletes

26 All-Region Athletes

10 All-Americans

19 Academic All-Americans

MIAA Men's Basketball Player of the Year

NCAA Division II Regional Men's Basketball Player of the Year

Seven programs ranked nationally at one point in the year

Men's Basketball Division II Regional Participants

Women's Cross Country Individual National Qualifier

Four Indoor Track and Field National Qualifiers

Back-to-Back Sonic Trophy Series Champions

Highly committed to our communities...

Rebuilding Joplin after the catastrophic EF-5 tornado on May 22, 2011 means keeping high school graduates in the city to provide the future leadership needed to bring the city back better and stronger. To accomplish that goal, MSSU is offering scholarships to student were sophomores, juniors and seniors as of May 20, 2011 at four Joplin high schools: Joplin High School, McAuley High School, College Heights Christian School and Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School.

These students represent the high school graduating classes of 2011, 2012 and 2013. Scholarships will be for \$1,000 each for the first academic year after the students graduate from high school. The scholarships represent approximately 25 percent of the current annual cost for a full-time student at MSSU.

Missouri Southern also is offering full-tuition scholarships to the 25 children of the families involved in the Tulsa and Joplin Area Habitat for Humanity's "Ten for Joplin" project.

MSSU to offer Four-year Degree in Neosho

Neosho-area students pursuing their four-year degree in management will soon have a more streamlined process, due to a new partnership between Missouri Southern State University and Crowder College.

The two schools signed an articulation agreement enabling MSSU to offer upper-division courses in business administration with an emphasis in management at Crowder College, making it possible for Crowder students to finish their bachelor's degrees through MSSU on the Crowder campus. MSSU will have a satellite office on Crowder's campus with a dedicated admissions counselor working to help students with the transition.

"Forming a partnership like this is an important and necessary step to help these students achieve their dreams of completing a four-year degree," said MSSU President Bruce Speck. "We know that in some cases, students have the desire to finish their degree but not the ability to travel. This agreement makes it possible for both schools to help students meet their goals."

Senior receives two scholarships

Natascha Lord, a senior German and International Business major from Waynesville, Mo., has received a \$4,000 award from the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program.

Lord, who is also a member of the women's soccer team at MSSU, will be spending the spring semester at Katholische Universität Eichstätt – Ingolstadt in Germany through the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP). She has also received a \$500 New York Charitable Trust-Annette Kade Scholarship in recognition of her academic and personal merit.

ALMA MATER

Words by Mary Laird,
Class of '39

Music by Emerson Jackson,
Class of '39



Our Al - ma Ma - ter, we ho - nor thee,



shap - ing and guid - ing our de - sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.



Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.

Academic Attire

*A*s early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The hoods represented in MSSU ceremonies are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions. Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:

Brown:	Fine Arts	Pink:	Music
Crimson:	Journalism	Purple:	Law
Dark Blue:	Philosophy	Sage Green:	Physical Education
Golden Yellow:	Science	Scarlet:	Theology
Lemon Yellow:	Library Science	White:	Arts, Letters, Humanities
Light Blue:	Education	Yellow Brown:	Commerce, Business, Accountancy



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